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Adaptive Reuse of Existing Buildings to Laboratories

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Reusing an existing building is good for the environment

1. Recycling an existing building
2. Conserving embodied energy
3. Saving useful materials from the landfill
4. Reviving underutilized resource
5. Alternate to sprawl & greenfield development
6. Preserving a historical landmark



Relevant Credits

Credit MR1 Building Reuse

- MR 1.1 - Maintain 75% of existing walls, floors and roof
 - (16% of LEED Certified projects earned this point)
- MR1.2 - Maintain 100% of existing walls, floors and roof
 - (6% of LEED Certified projects earned this point)
- MR 1.3 Maintain 100% of shell/structure & 50% of non-shell/non-structure
 - (no LEED Certified projects earned this point)
- Consider trade offs with other LEED Credits – i.e. energy efficiency

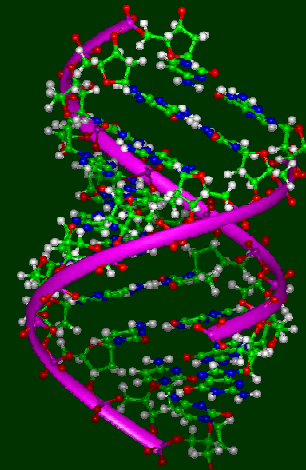
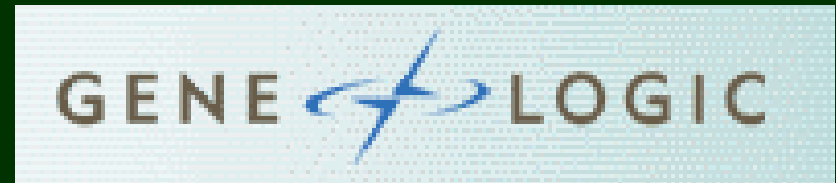
Credit % courtesy of the U.S. Green Building Council

FedEx & NIBRI



Case Study 1

FedEx to Gene Logic



Tracking bar codes to tracking DNA codes

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Adaptive reuse of 60,000 SF FedEx Processing Center to BioInformatics Research

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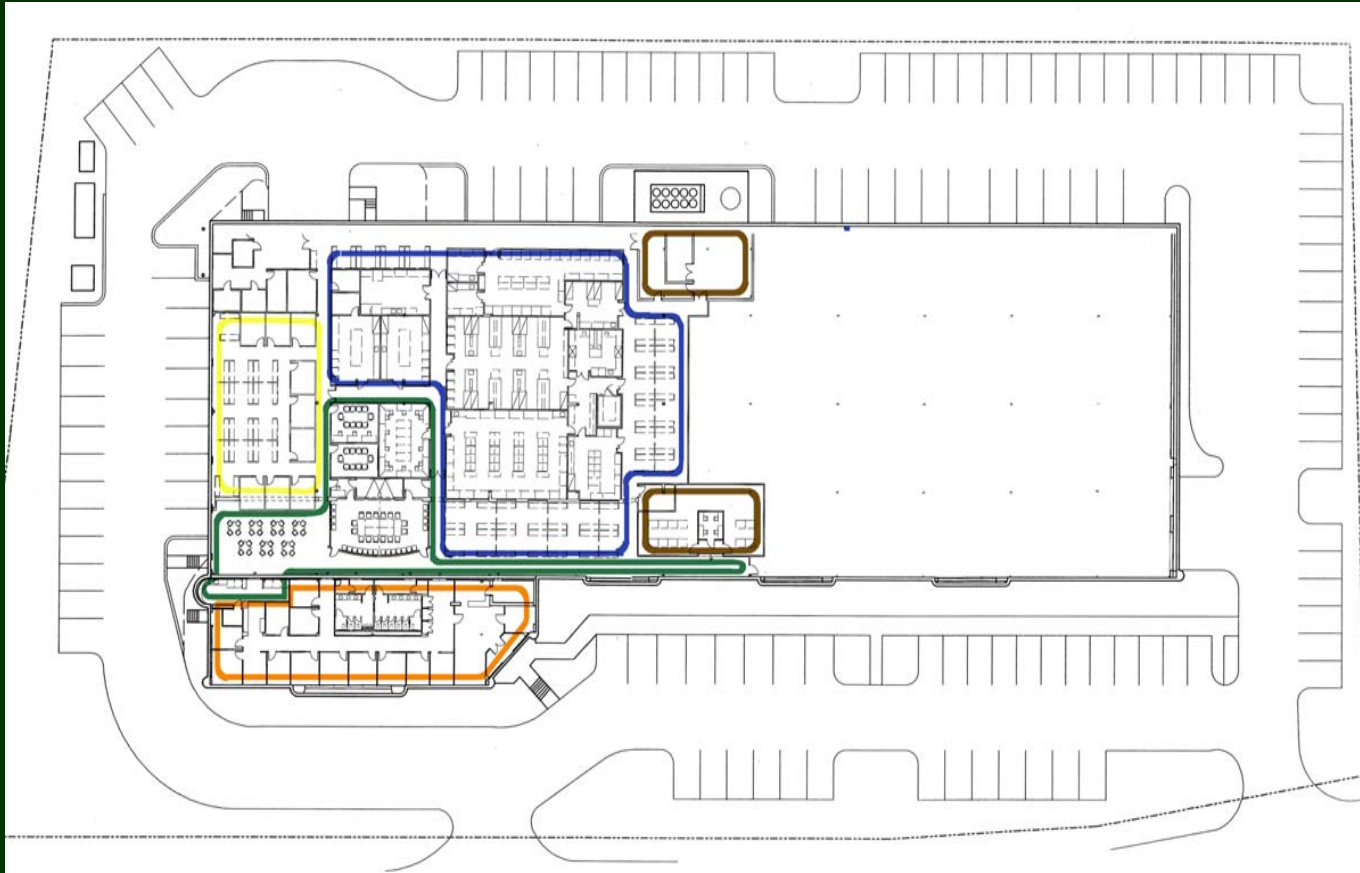
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Energy Code: Envelope (ASHRAE 90.1-1999)

	Existing U-Value	U-Value (Heated)	U-Value (Heated/ Cooled)
Roof	0.095	0.097	0.065
Walls	0.112	0.134	0.113
Glazing	1.10	1.22	0.57

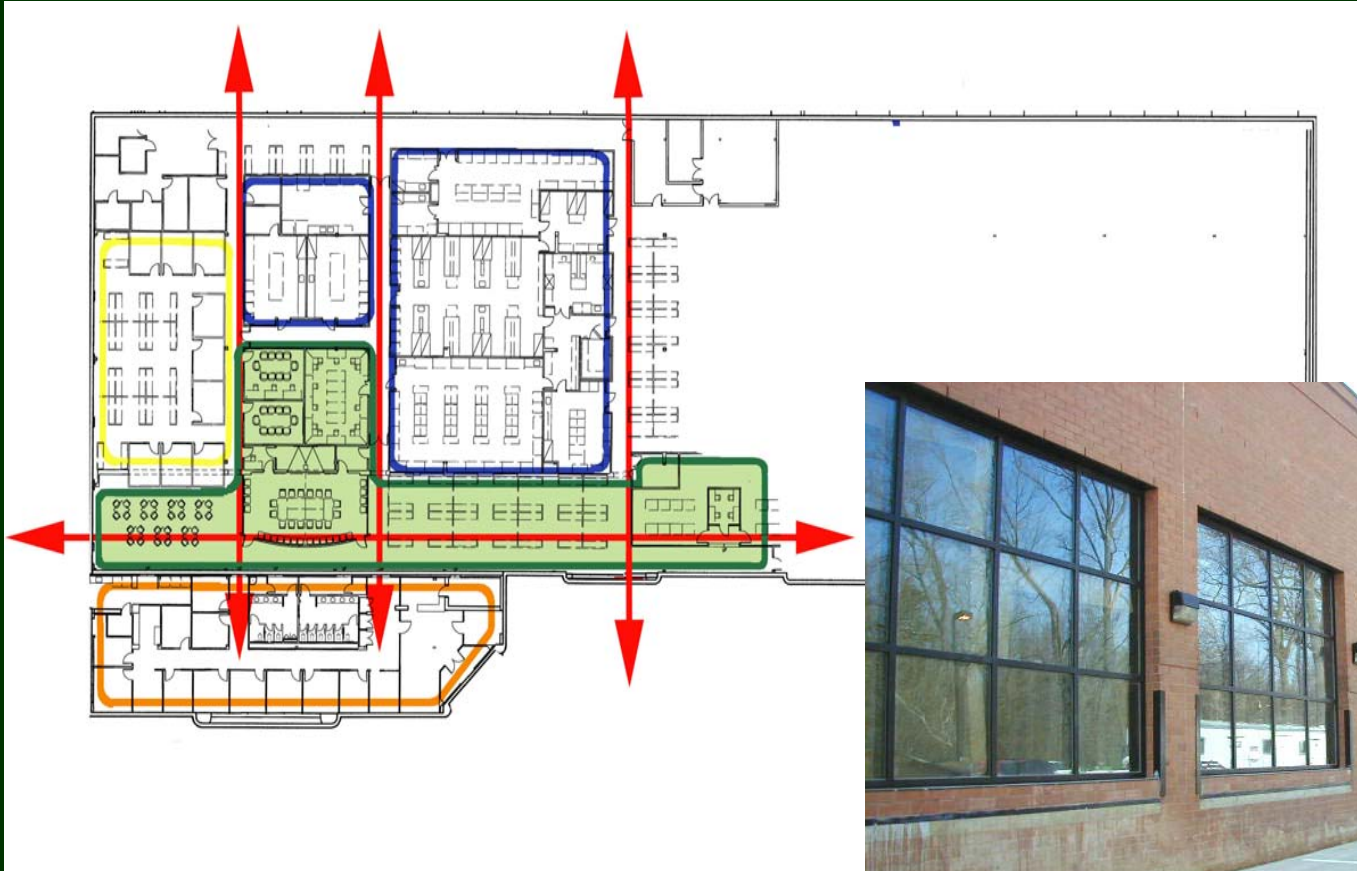
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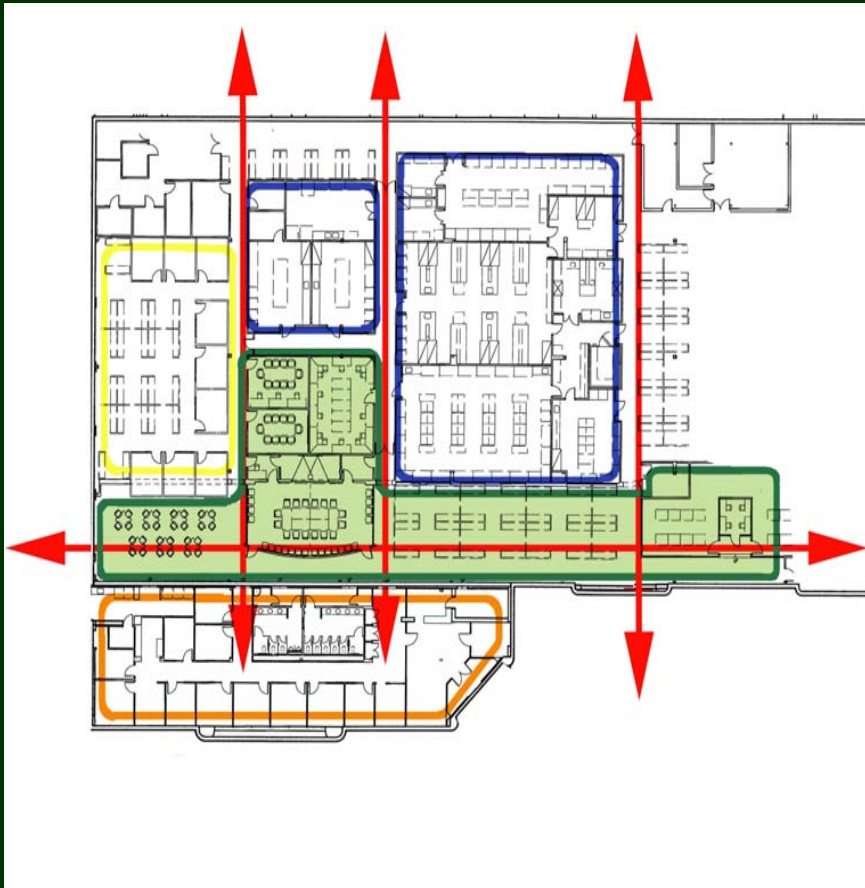
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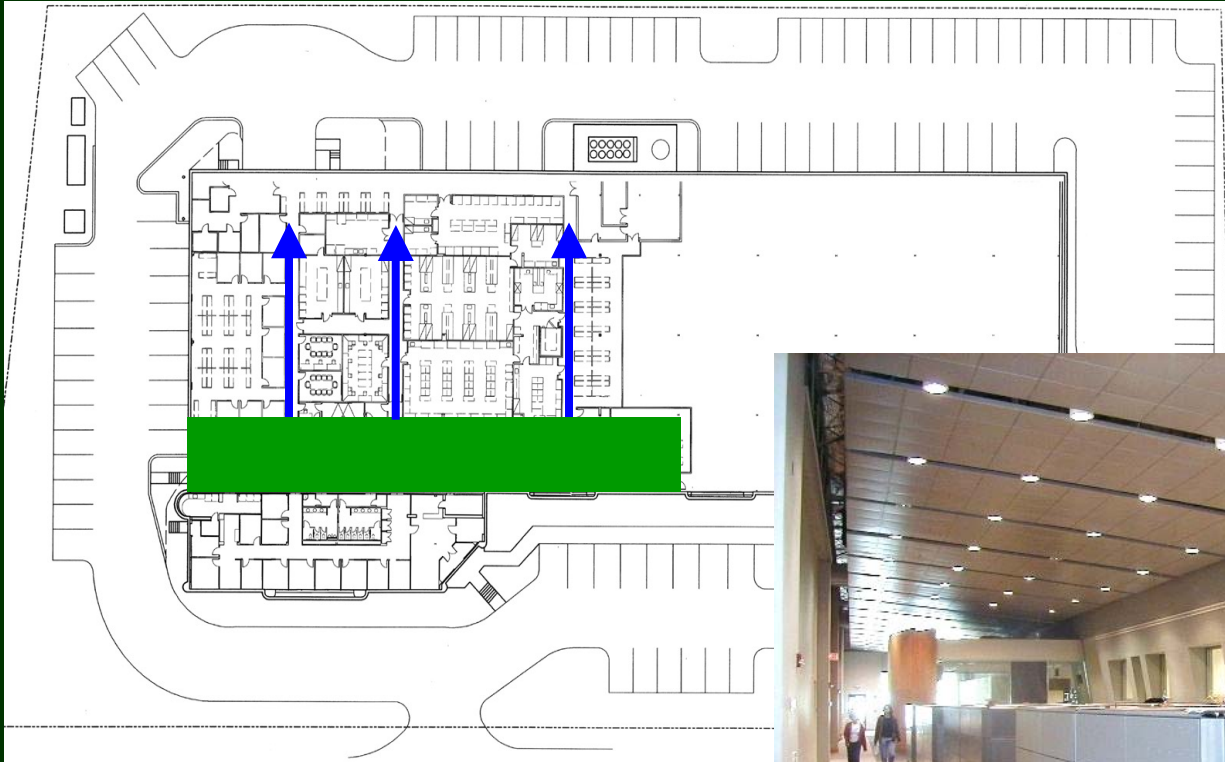
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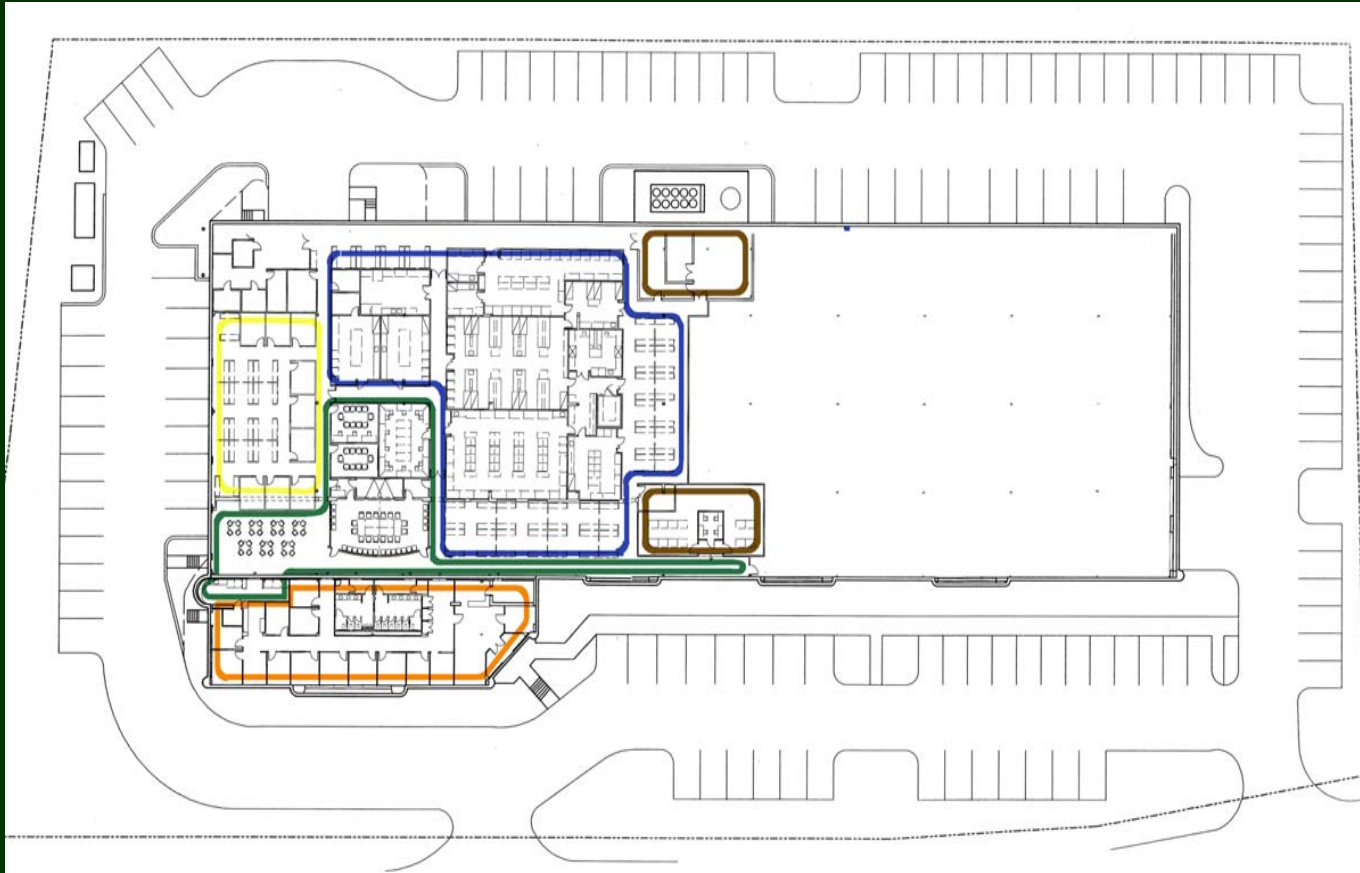
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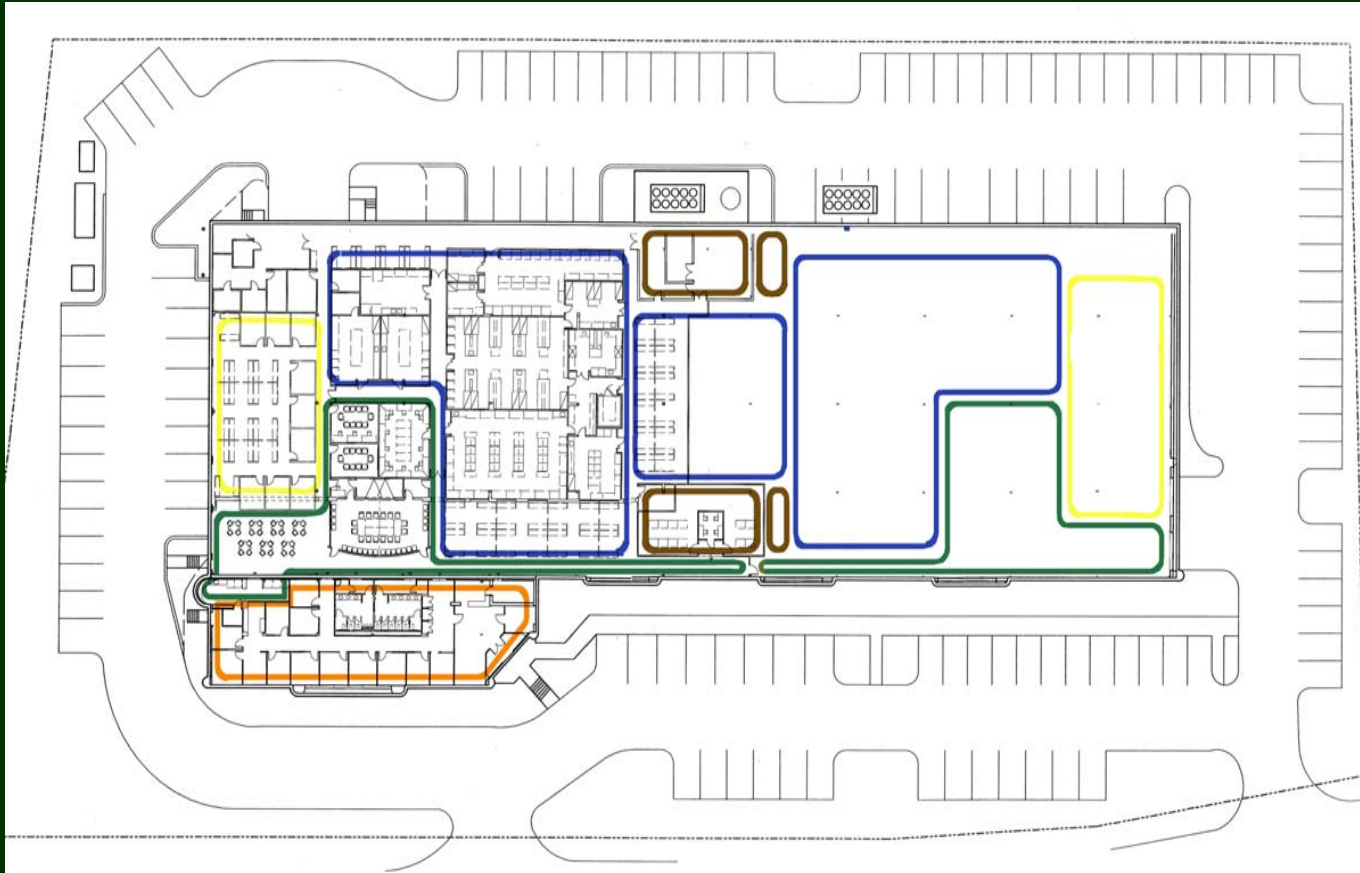
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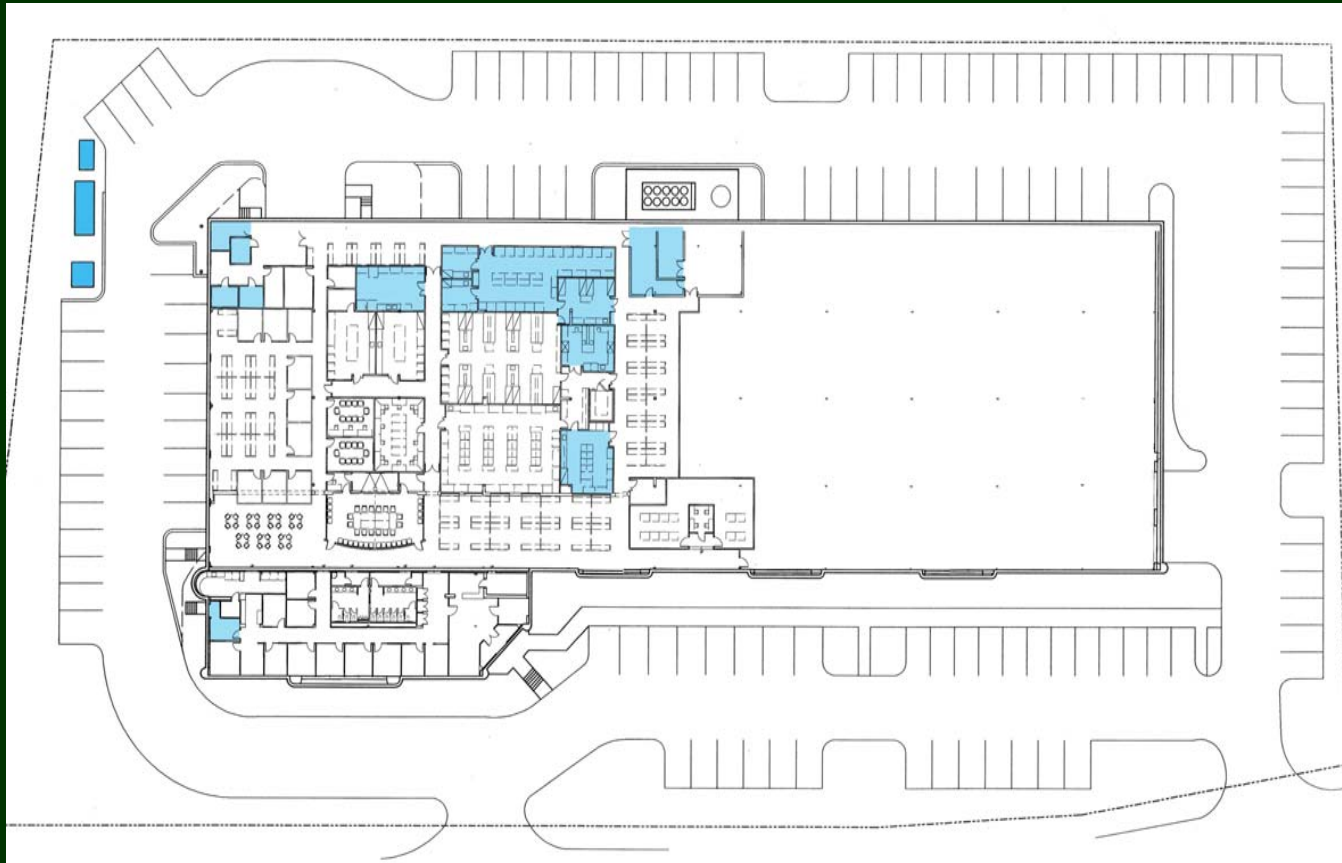
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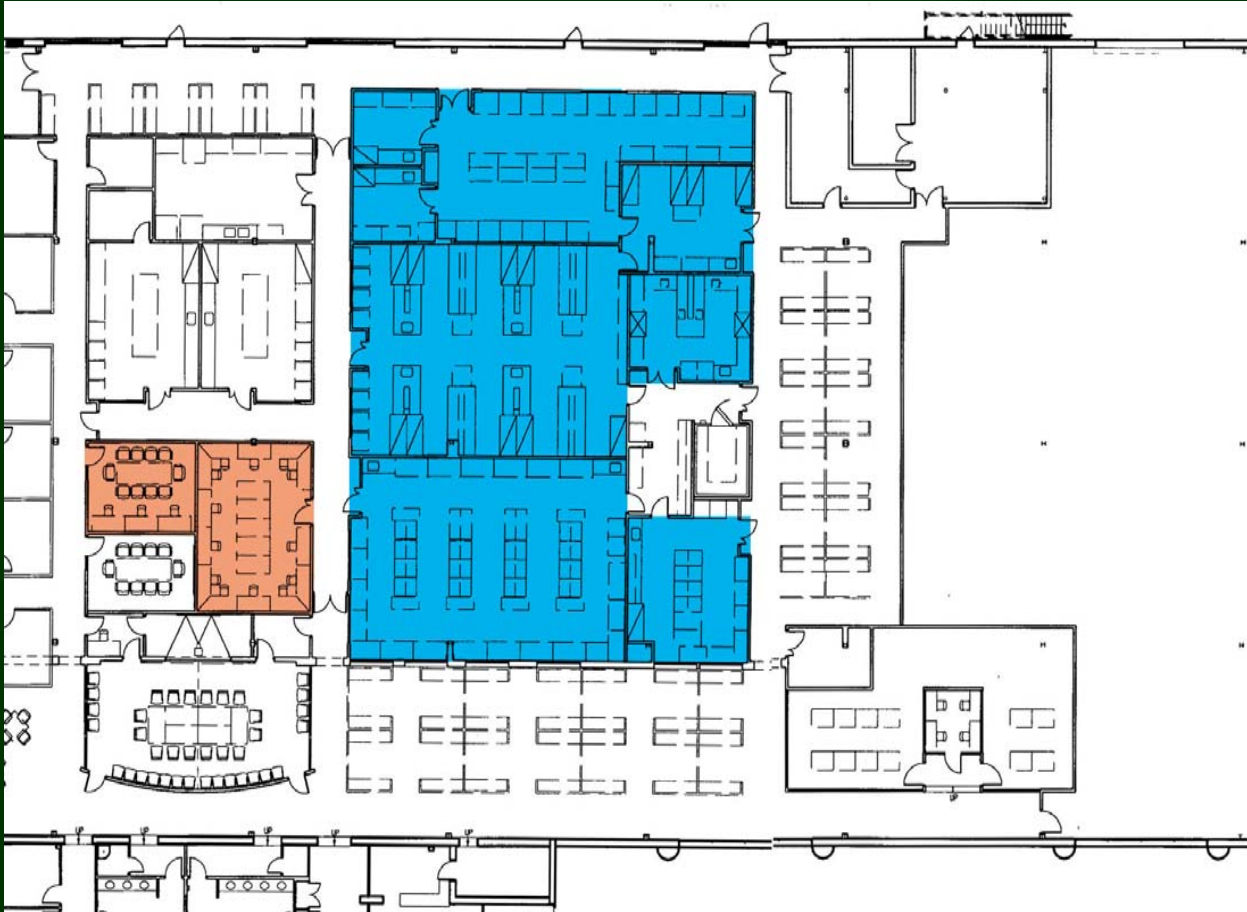
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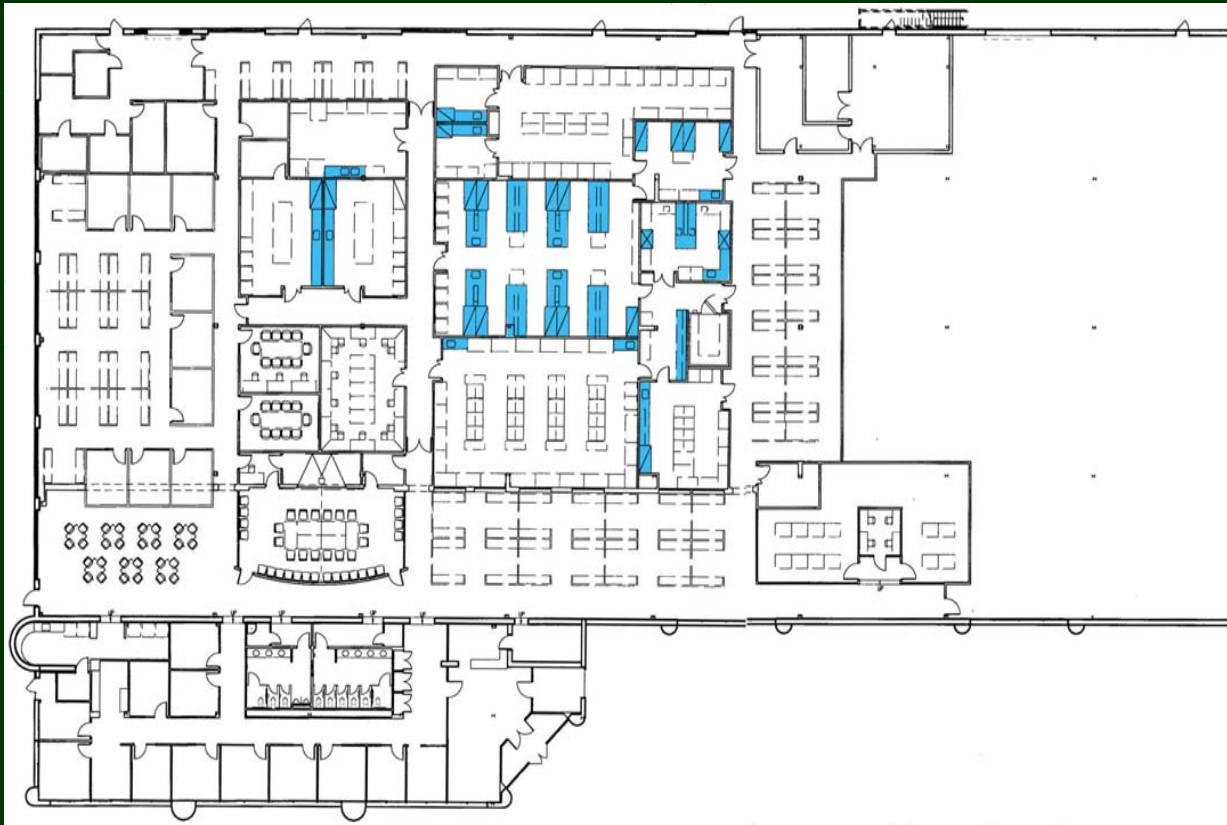
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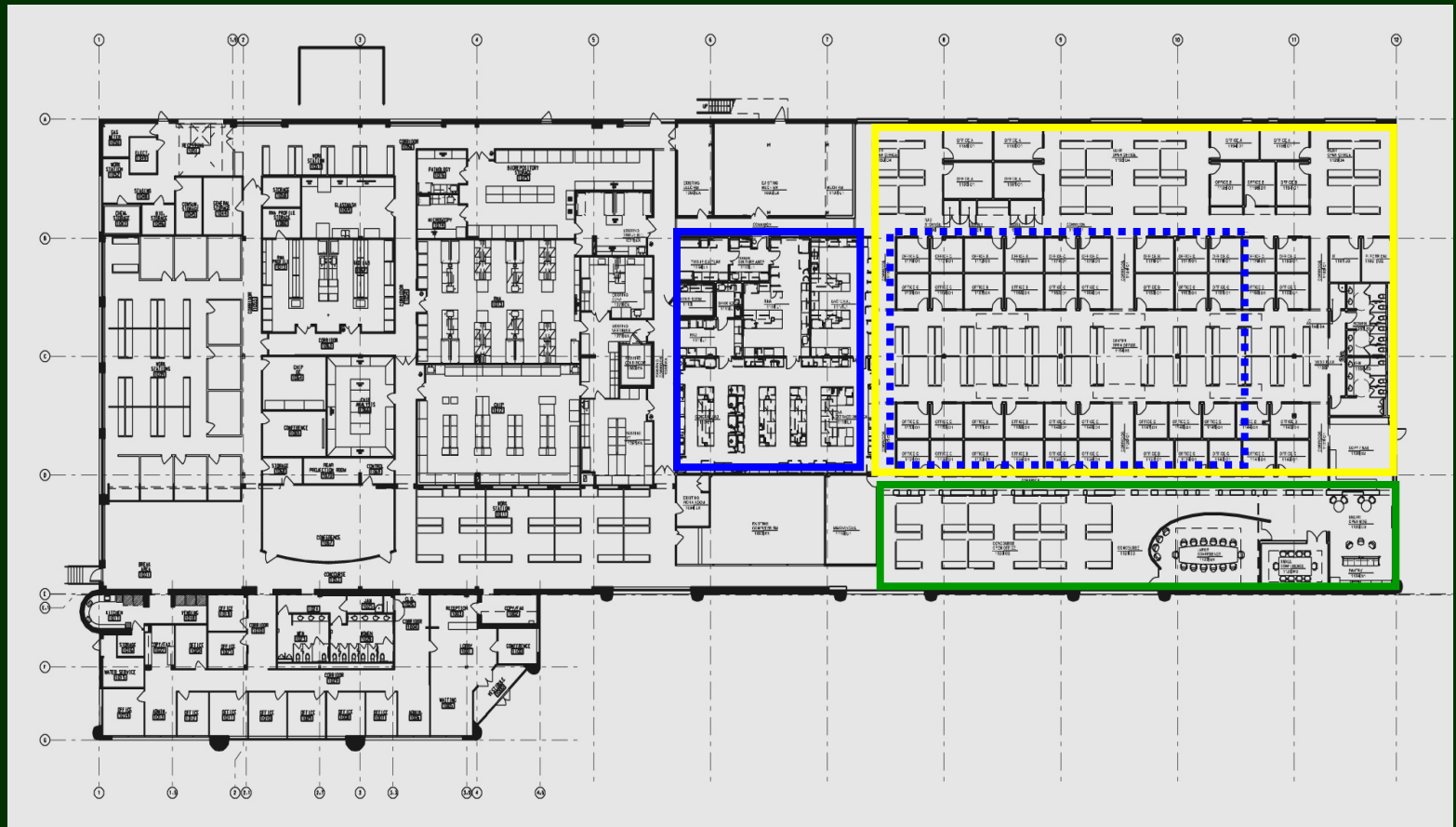
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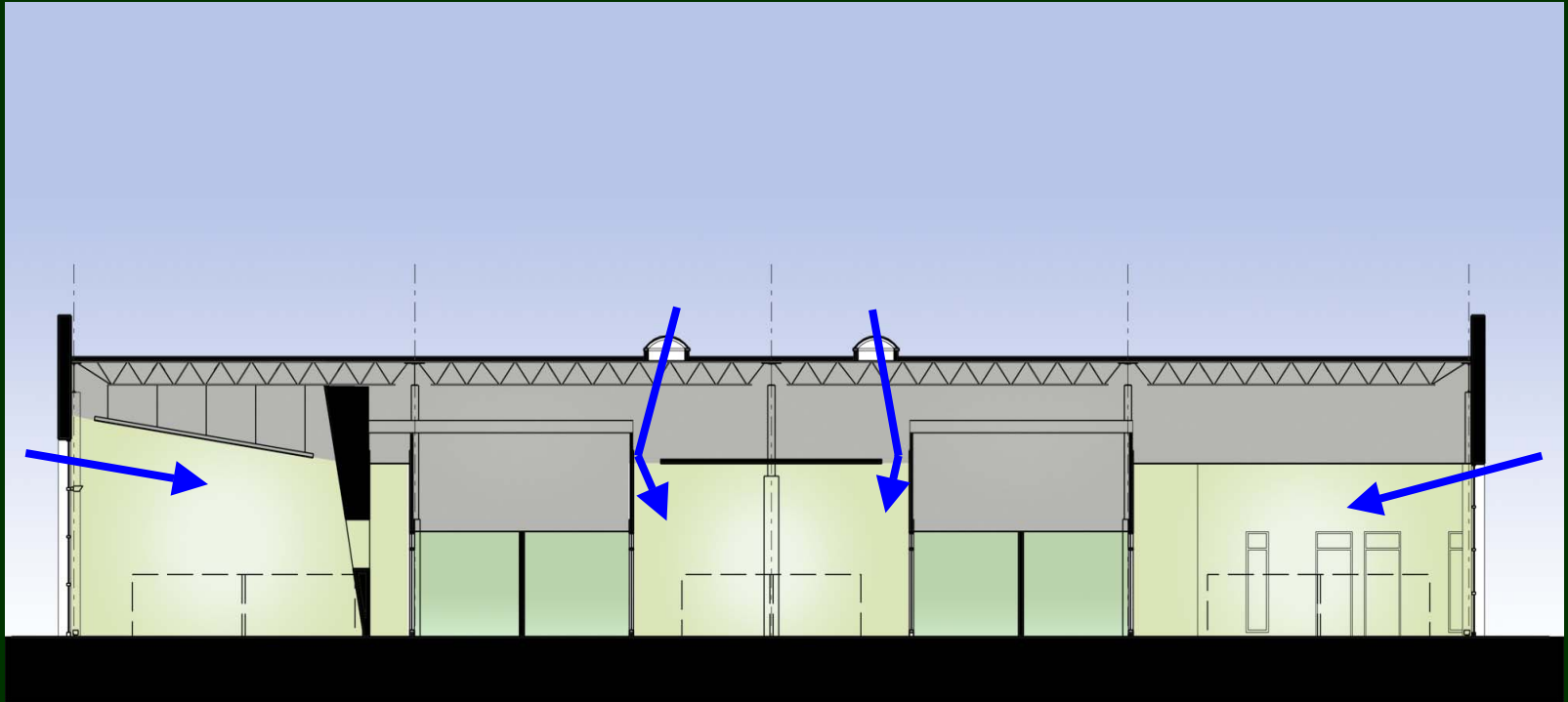
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Case Study 2

NECCO to NIBRI



Adaptive reuse of a
landmark 500,000 SF
candy factory to research
laboratories

Case Study 2

NECCO to NIBRI



from candy factory to pharmaceutical research

recycling an existing building

NECCO to Novartis



- Saved useful materials from the landfill
- Conserved embodied energy



- By reusing:
 - 7,000 tons of masonry
 - 31,000 tons of concrete

an alternate to sprawl

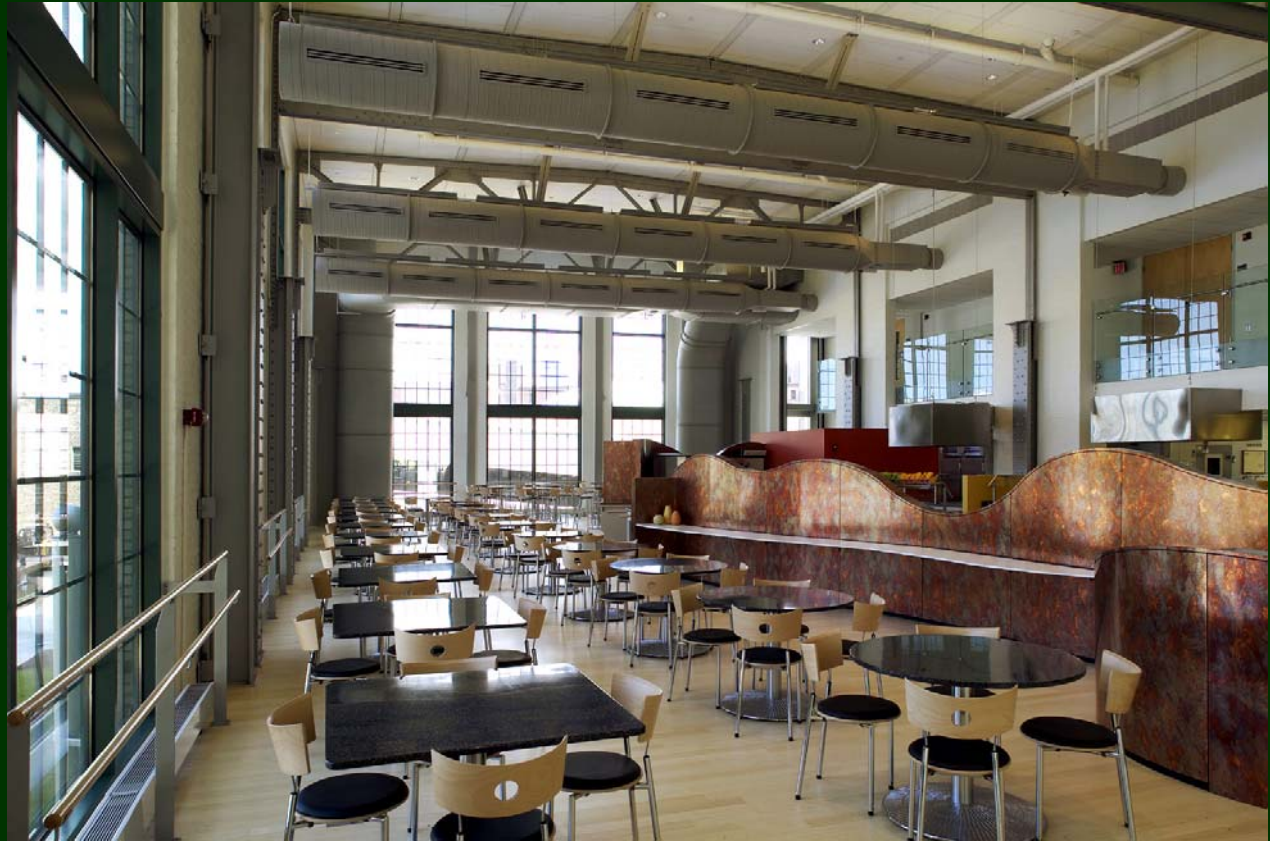
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urban context of Cambridge, Ma

a new life for historical landmark

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from power plant to cafeteria

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floor plate

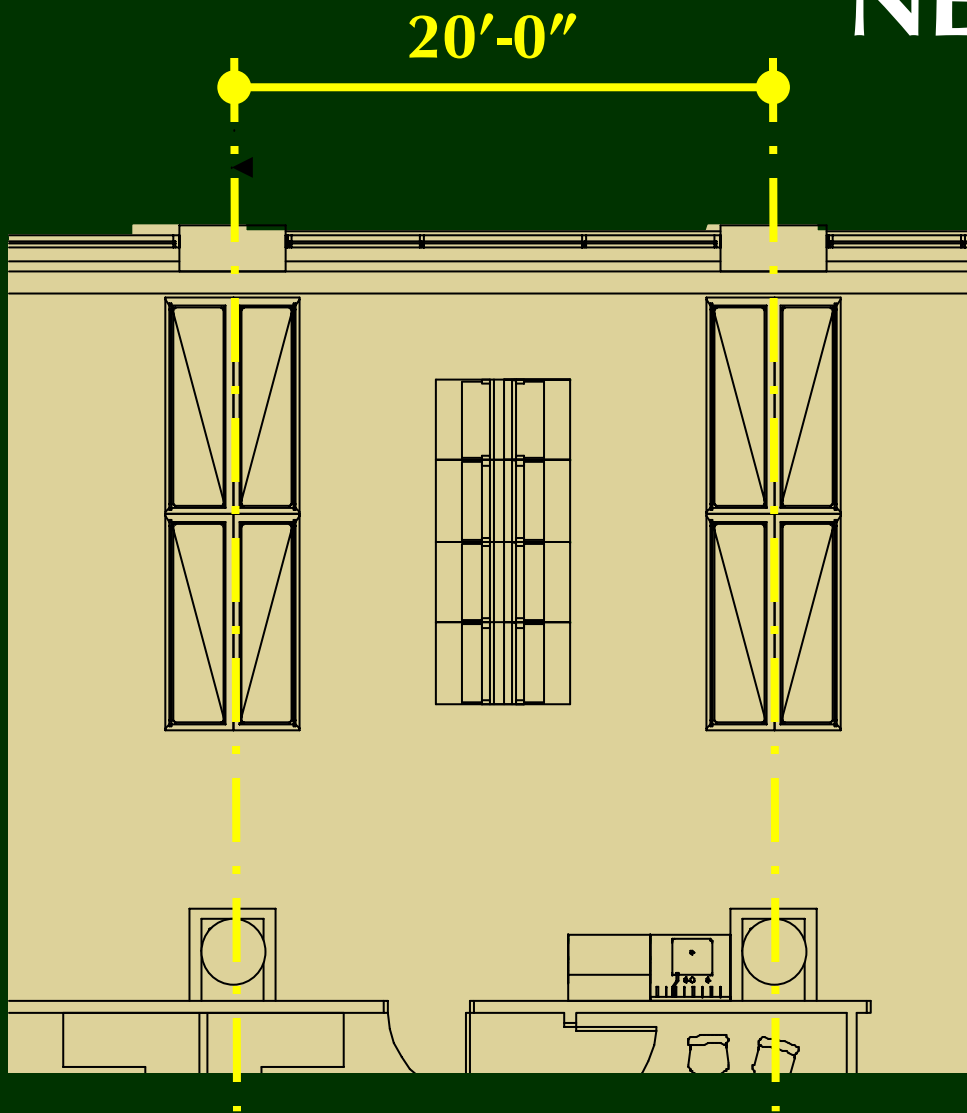
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75,000 SF floor plate

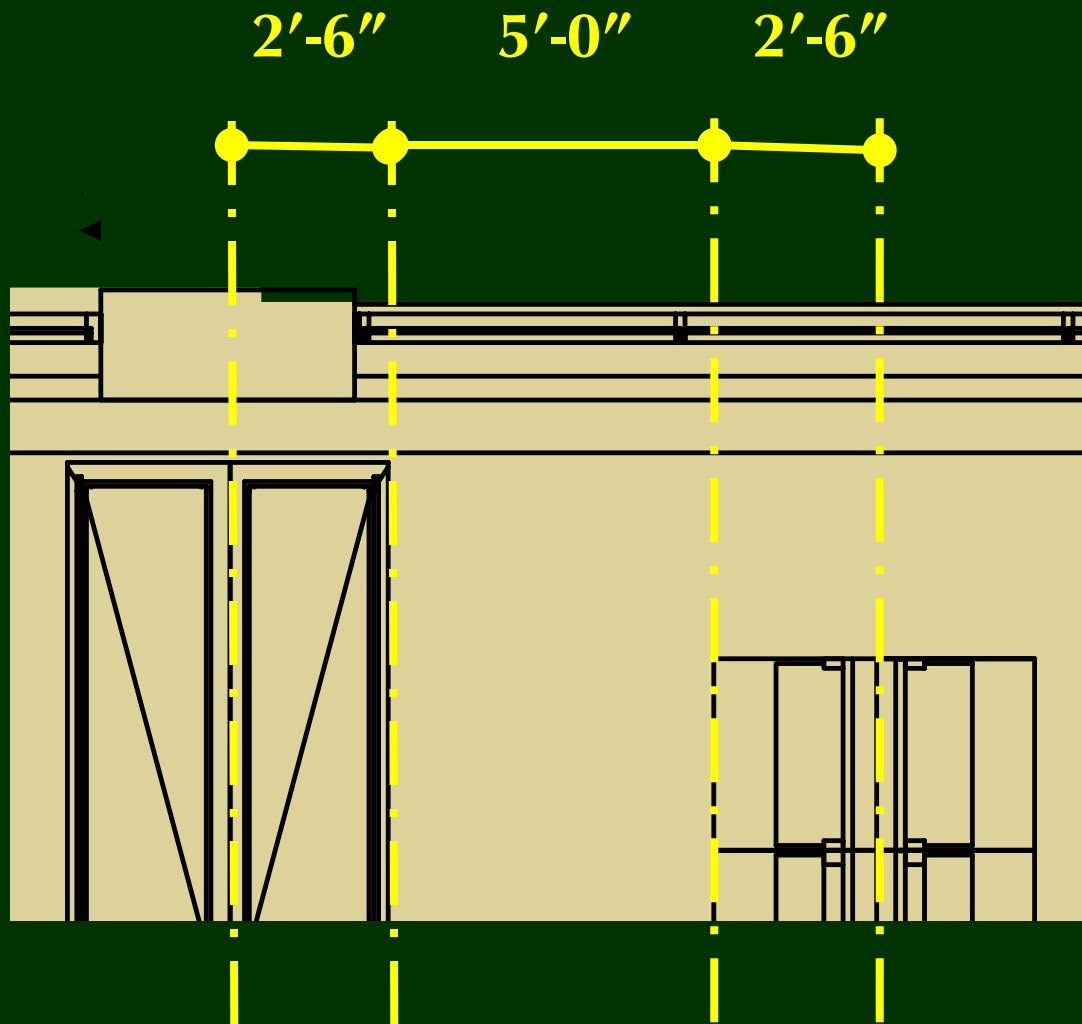
column bay spacing

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typical column bay

column bay spacing



Casework and fume hood spacing

floor to floor height

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floor to floor height

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floor to floor height

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floor to floor height

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perimeter envelope

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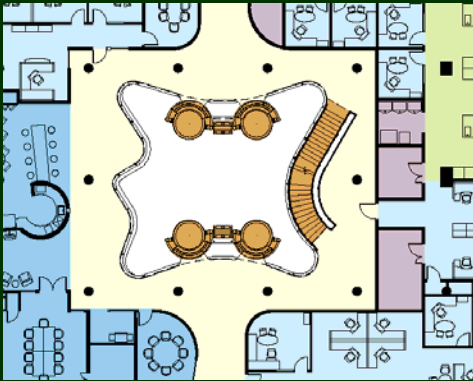
new services

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new atrium

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structural modifications for new atrium

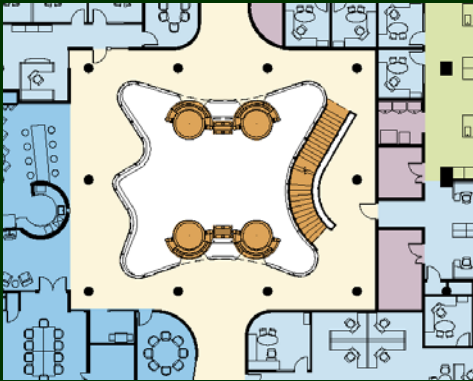
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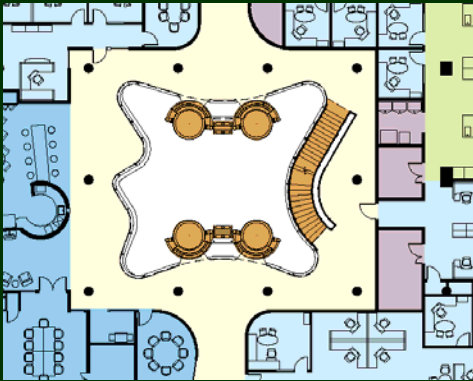
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Case Study 2

NECCO to NIBRI



**Adaptive reuse involves
challenges in the things that
you can't change and the
thing that you can**

the things that you can't change

1. Floor plate
2. Column bay spacing
3. Floor to floor height
4. Perimeter shape and windows for day lighting
5. Structural capacity and vibration
6. Roof & site area for new services and & equipment

the things that you can change

1. Perimeter envelope modifications
2. Services and shafts
 - power
 - gas
 - air



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